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Flood Response Update

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June 9, 2011 -

Assistant Fire Chief Dan Stolinski provided the following information on flood response activities at the daily 10:30 a.m. press briefing:

- The Missouri River water elevation level is currently at 30.51 feet (flood stage is 29 feet). The estimates show by the evening of Monday, June 13th, the river will be at 32.2 feet. These estimates are provided by the National Weather Service.
- Any trail within the trail system that is covered by water has been closed. Barricading of the closed trails has begun.
- The closure of John J. Pershing Road, North from Dick Collins Road (I-680) to Ponca Hills Road, is anticipated. The closure should occur within the next 48 hours. The Omaha Police, Douglas County Sherriff's Office, and Omaha Fire are monitoring the roadway.
- The berm at the Waste Water Treatment Facility has been increased to 42 feet. Plastic and sandbag armoring work has also been completed.
- Planned activities for the next 24-72 hours include-
 - 1. Addition rock and grading the non-river side of the Waste Water Treatment Facility berm.
 - 2. Continuing to examine the levees for signs of damage.
 - 3. Monitoring the areas behind the levees for any water table increases.

The Douglas County Emergency Management Agency has sponsored a website dedicated to the 2011 Missouri River Flood: www.omahaflood.org.

Residents seeking answers to flood-related questions can also call 2-1-1.

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